

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION  
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper, clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: "Long Brick Row"  
 Address of property: 744-766; 768-770; 772-780 Oella Avenue  
 City Oella County Baltimore State MD Zip Code 21043  
 Name of historic district in which property is located: Oella Historic District

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)  
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)  
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

## 2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary) This brick block, constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century in a crescent ascending Oella Ave., consisted of nineteen\* two story by two bay units sharing party walls and originally in an unbroken sequence. Numbers 772-766 each are provided with their own chimneys; (see reverse side)

## 3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary) Long Brick Row constitutes a nearly intact block of 2-bay by 2 story (plus basement) rowhouses built in the second quarter of the 19th century to accommodate workers and their families for the burgeoning mill industry of the Union Manufacturing Company. (see reverse side)

Date of construction (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Charles L. Wagandt  
 Street 803 Oella Avenue  
 City Oella, State MD. Zip Code 21043  
 Telephone number (during day): Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Charles L. Wagandt Date 10/4/83

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number 219-28-4564

## For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature [Signature] Date 11-1-85  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

## Part I. Evaluation of Significance

## 2. Description of Physical Appearance (Continued)

numbers 744-766 are grouped in pairs, with a masonry parapet wall perpendicular to Oella Avenue separating each group of two. At the center of each parapet, a brick chimney serves two adjacent units. Each parapet also marks the division between each 4-bay pair where there occurs a significant rise in basement level as the units climb the hill.

\*two units razed in 1950's

The 2-bay by 2-story Oella Avenue facades of 780-772 are executed in common bond with jack arches over each opening. First story sash is 6 over 6, double hung, with slightly projecting wooden sills. The front doorways of 780 and 778 occur in the first story's southern-most bays; in 776 and 774 they occur in the northernmost bays. 772 is a slightly smaller version of its adjacent neighbor, but with a southern first story doorway. There are 2 courses of corbelling at the eaves, a continuous gable running parallel to the street, and concrete step (s) in front of the stone sill of each doorway. Basement levels of randomly coursed stone are visible at sidewalk level as the group rises northward.

The front (east) facades of 766-744 are similarly executed in common bond with jack arches over the door and window openings. The doors are paired in each four-bay parapetted unit, and the eaves line of this group occurs directly above the second floor openings. First story sash is 6 over 6, double hung, and the second floor openings are shorter than the first. (Some doorways retain their original 4-light transoms) Stone basement levels feature jack arched openings and three light windows.

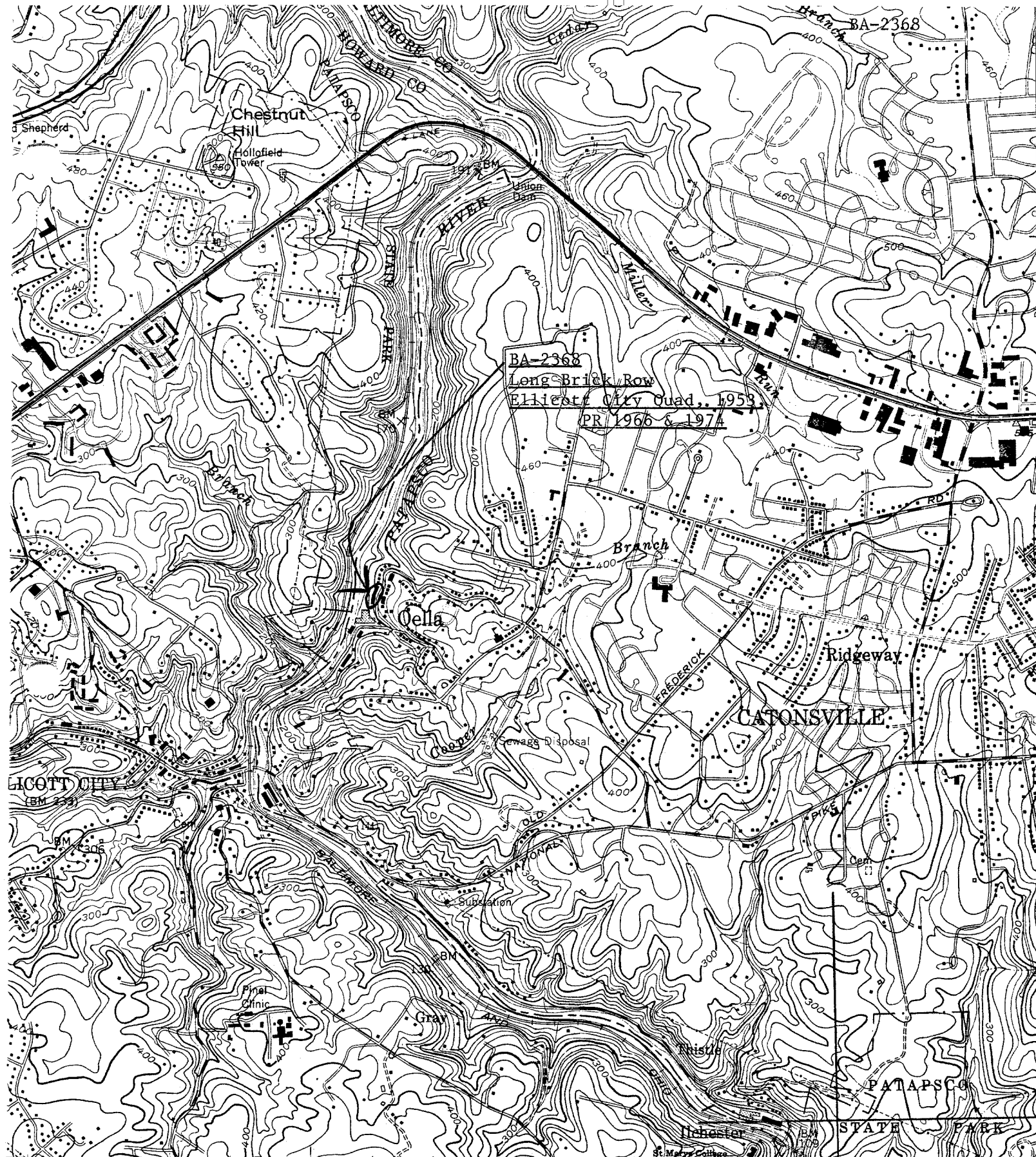
Western (rear) elevations of 772-780 and 744-766 possess one-bay first and second stories (in general, jack arched lintels top 6 over 6, double hung windows on the first story and shorter versions of 6 over 6 or 2 over 2 on the second.) A full basement is visible on this facade, and at basement level each house is 2 bays wide. For 772-780, the single door is sheltered by one-bay, shed-roofed wooden porches; for 744-766, 2 double stairways converge on one porch per pair of entrances. In 772-780, the basement level is brick with stone below; in 744-766, the basement level is rubble stone. Many of these porches retain their circa 1870's scalloped trim at eaves level.

In plan, the buildings are two rooms deep. In the case of 780-772, the stairways occur on the wall adjacent to the entry bays. In the case of 766-744, the two-room deep plans feature staircases on the same wall as the paired doorways. In the southernmost member of each pair, the stair is on the Oella Avenue side; in the northernmost member of each pair, the stair is in the rear room. A jog in the party wall caused by this arrangement gives each of the pairs an interlocking "L" configuration.

## 3 Statement of Significance (continued)

Long Brick Row embodies the distinctive characteristics of housing associated with early to mid 19th century mill communities, such as repetitive facades, similar floor plans, and unifying use of materials and decorative trim. Compared with earlier Oella rows, these units are more modestly proportioned and indicate a need to house more workers in less spacious accommodations. The curved, 19 unit

row is one of the most important features of the Oella National Historic District. The row can be likened to a linear apartment house as it was cheaper for the company to build rental accommodations horizontally than vertically.



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Long Brick Row  
Elliott City Quad., 1953  
PR 1966 & 1971

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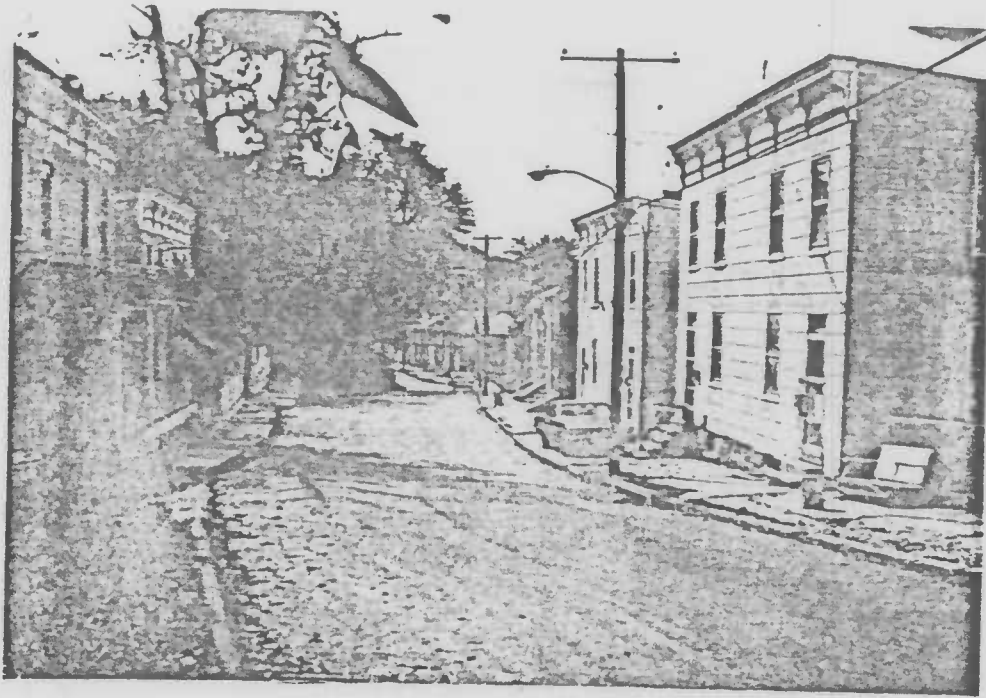
MARYLAND

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt

Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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